

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 24th June 2021**

Present

Councillor J Moore – Mayor
Councillor A Pearce – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

J Anderson, R Chamberlain, T Chapman-Gunner, T Nethercott, K Simms and
R Taylor.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr P Giles
Charlotte Olford
Lee Pogson

2106/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies received.

2106/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 20th May 2021 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2106/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2106/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 20th MAY 2021**

2105/15 The Clerk and Warden have visited Harbour Road 3 times but not seen anybody not picking up dog poo, they will continue to visit.

2105/18 The quote to have the old play equipment taken out prior to installation of new equipment was £300 not £500-700 as previously approximated.

2105/19 The Clerk wrote a letter of endorsement to CEG for their application to the levelling up fund rather than a no objection as discussed with Councillors via e-mail.

2106/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

I met Cormac at Trail Blazer on Monday 24th May and discussed repairs to the Group Swing and the Cable Runway, the Clerk is to receive a quote. Trail Blazer Park still seems to be home of the local vandals and I have had to collect litter and broken glass from the area and dispose of the rubbish.

I have has carried out the weekly play inspections on Deeble Drive and the surfacing again has been vandalised. The surrounding area of the park in Deeble Drive has been cut.

I have cut the grass at Penarwyn and Polgover, this was delayed due to wet weather. Whilst working at Polgover a resident asked why an area in the corner had not been cut, I explained that the resident in the adjoining property asked for this area to be left as youths were climbing over his fence into his property.

Piggy Alley and King Edward Gardens grass cutting and strimming is up to date but this has only been possible due to me working with Malcolm.

All the planters have now been planted and I am watering and feeding daily but as a result kerb-side weed treatment has been delayed and the LMP footpath maintenance is up to date.

I was approached by a resident of Landreath Place because the footpath by the side of their house had not been cut. The footpath usually 3-4 foot wide had been reduced to a foot. I decided to cut the footpath back as Cornwall Council had been notified but nothing had been done.

2106/06 **VET FEST TO TALK ABOUT ST BLAZEY EVENT**

Charlotte Olford and Lee Pogson sold the Council that there are 37,000 Veterans in Cornwall alone, each one of them signed a cheque up to and including their life. There are some that have come back broken, and there are some that have come back and are living brilliant lives in our community.

Par Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast club has 150 members with many more in the community that we are yet to reach. As an organisation we want to thank the community for their support and raise awareness of who your veterans are. We have members whose ages range from 25 right up to our oldest and most famous member Harry Billinge.

On July 31st 2021 we will be celebrating 3 years together as a club, we want to celebrate with the community (especially after the year everyone has had) Vet Fest is an event organised by veterans to raise money for Forces charities, whilst getting the community together. We are supporting our struggling local football club who will host the event, we are supporting local business' by bringing business in to the area, these businesses include accommodation, eateries and shops. We are being supported by those business who value community as much as we do.

We have dropped letters through doors of those who are adjacent to the FC, We have arranged parking for visitors. We have involvement of local Cadet Groups, local security business and craft makers and stall holders all from the local area, we have given tickets to local charities, so that their volunteers can attend. We are giving free tickets to anyone that holds an NHS ID card to say thank you. There will be tickets allocated to those in our community who may not be able to afford the ticket price.

The event will be from 11 am to 11pm and they have employed a professional sound engineer who will adhere to legal sound levels.

This event should be embraced and encouraged by the town council who have been elected to support the community. The committee of Vet Fest work tirelessly in the back ground to get this event off the ground with little or no financial backing.

The Town Councillors voted unanimously to give the event their support.

2106/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

It's been a whirlwind month!! I have met world leaders attending G7 at Newquay Airport. I rushed home to change and then meet three generations of the Royal family at St Austell train station. The day finished with me being recognised on the Queen's birthday honours list which the queen herself congratulated me for. I want to thank all those that helped during the pandemic which I am sure contributed to the award.

I met the Mexican ambassador at the Eden Project last week who is keen to twin towns, we chatted about heritage and the part Cornish miners played in Mexico where our miners travelled to and settled.

I attended the raising of the Armed Forces flag over County Hall on Monday to pay tribute to their support during Covid.

The StARR work at Brooks Corner is now complete as is the pond on the A390, Bull Engine works will be completed in September and the Doubletrees work is on schedule. The pile driving near the fountain is near completion. It is good to see the project coming to its conclusion after such a long time in the planning.

The Whitegold project is having a workshop here at Alexander Hall tomorrow.

You will all know of the housing crisis in Cornwall which has had much TV coverage. The new administration have acted quickly to arrange temporary accommodation for people in the form of bunkabins and caravan whilst not ideal paying £750k per month to house the homeless in Hotels and B & B's is not acceptable. This approach will stop money being wasted that can then be put to good use building permanent housing. I will be pushing for Social Housing stock in St Blazey to be given to local people before others are considered.

2106/08 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLACE SHAPING PARTNERSHIP**

Place shaping examines how we can make our communities stronger and more resilient for future growth through understanding the improvements needed to support areas in Cornwall now and in the future.

- What you would like your place to be

- The main priorities for your community
- How the community will deliver these priorities
- What help you might need to support making this a reality

Outline of tasks:

- Pulling together information
- Finding solutions
- Establishing priorities
- Key priorities and sites
- Delivery programme

Councillor Moore asked the Councillors who would like to represent the Council on the group. Councillors Anderson, Chamberlain, Moore, Nethercott, Pearce, Simms and Taylor all volunteered and so it was RESOLVED that they would all be members.

2106/09 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

Cornwall Council believe that they included the surrounding areas to the park at Deeble Drive which the Town Council have questioned. Councillors Taylor, Anderson and Moore met at Deeble Drive on 16th June.

They agreed that it was easy to see that Cornwall Council have included the extra area and unless the Clerk had gone there with a tape measure (which they would probably dispute anyway) the situation would have remained the same.

They have thought of a way forward, but instructed the Clerk to write to Cornwall Council, indicating that we know they have been underhand and that we are not impressed with their actions.

The way forward is that the area around the play area is planted with wildflowers. This fits in with what the Eden Project said they wanted to roll out in St Blazey and would look very attractive, increasing biodiversity and improving the habitat for insects – and make for a much more interesting environment for small children.

Councillor Moore received the Councils agreement and will start making enquiries at Eden.

The grass has been recently mown and so there is not an immediate issue, but the sooner we get on to this the better. It was agreed that the residents be advised by way of signage.

Councillors Nethercott and Taylor left the room.

2106/10 **FOURWAYS YOUTH CLUB DONATION**

The Town Councillors looked at the Fourways youth club accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021 where they had a surplus of £942. Councillor Anderson proposed that we reduce this year's donation to them to £1,000 and would look again

before the end of this financial year to see if the figure could be increased. Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, All the Councillors agreed so it was RESOLVED.

Councillors Nethercott and Taylor returned to the room.

2106/11 **TOUR OF BRITAIN**

Deferred to July 2021.

2106/12 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning –

The position of Neighbourhood Plans is being considered. Councillor Moore has asked whether it worth going out to consultation with the St Blaise NP if it is going to need to be radically amended by government proposals. The Head of Planning Policy and his Development Officer at Cornwall Council has suggested that we have a meeting regarding this, so is waiting for this to be arranged.

Play Area Update

Deeble Drive – See Implications of Cornwall Cuts and Localism.

Penarwyn Green – The Clerk has received a quote from Kompan to carry out the quarterly and annual checks. The Councillors RESOLVED to accept the quote.

Polgover Way – An acceptable constitution has now been received from the Roselyon Residents Group. The Clerk has received four estimates for play equipment and Councillor Pearce asked if an order could be placed.

It was explained that the Town Council needed to see the consultation to ensure it was what the residents wanted.

Town Vitality Fund/Place Shaping Partnership

Councillor Moore told the Council that the Town Vitality Fund application has been through the initial assessment and Service Panel Review stage but want to see a map that would detail the uses in the town centre, showing what building are residential, retail, commercial, services.

Councillor Moore asked the Council if everyone was happy that she continue to explore possibilities for the Town Council to purchase the Travis Perkins site if the current sale doesn't proceed. The Council agreed.

2106/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Councillor Taylor informed the Clerk that as he was Chairman of the Eden Geothermal liaison committee another Town Councillor could join. It was agreed that Cllr Simms be the representative with Councillor Chamberlain as his deputy.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

EXTENSION

Location: Polgrean Place, St Blazey Town

Timing: 12th July 2021 to 31st July 2022 (24 hours) previously closed between (6th January 2020 to 6th July 2021)

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Location: Par Lane, Par

Timing: 11th August 2021 to 30th January 2022 (24 hours)

A resident has reported that a couple of trees in King Edward Gardens look dangerous. The Clerk and the Warden have visited and see no imminent danger. The e-mail has been forwarded to the Tree Officer and Councillor Moore will also view them.

Duchy Defibrillators have written regarding the defibrillator located at the rear of the four lords in St Blazey Gate. The cabinet was installed a number of years ago (assisted by the local charity FLEET). However it is no longer being monitored and as such it will shortly be delisted as available from the ambulance service as they cannot rely on it being available when required.

They would like this cabinet to stay available to the local community and asked if the Town Council would arrange for their monitoring system to be installed and they would then take care of the monitoring and maintenance. The fees would be a one off set up fee of £125+VAT and then the annual fee which is currently set at £160+VAT (£192). They would also need Wi-Fi access.

The Clerk has asked the FourLords Pub if we could use there Wi-Fi which they have agreed to.

The Councillors agreed to take on this service.

A local resident has offered to get a group together to tidy Jubilee Fountain area. The land is owned by Cornwall Council and so the Clerk was instructed to refer them on.

The Speed camera recorded that 97.24% of incoming vehicles, up from 96.96% are below the speed limit (80,041 cars) and 93.24% up from 92.31% 63,873 cars) of outgoing traffic is below the speed limit.

Councillor Moore has been contacted by Jamie Ward about people (not cars) racing on Station Road, to trip the speed camera into action. A resident on Station Road has made a complaint to the Police as it is disturbing his family.

PCSO Ward has said that there is very little the Police can do, as this is not strictly a criminal offence, and in addition it is a relatively 'harmless' thing to do. Jamie is endeavouring to deal with this while maintaining a positive viewpoint from the community.

He suggests the speed camera be moved or switched off for a fortnight, and that members of the community be trained in Community Speed watch (which would not cover night time, when this activity occurs). He says it is perfectly acceptable to Jamie if we switch it off, but put a notice on saying it is faulty and it will take at least a fortnight to repair, perhaps with a humorous addition to the effect that those who want to continue their training might like to go to Par Running Track.

The Town Council chose to ignore PCSO Wards suggestion and instructed the Clerk to alter the speed camera so that movement over 30 mph is recorded.

2106/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There has been one planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to it-

PA21/00733 EIA Scoping Opinion Request for St Austell China Clay Area
ROMP.
St Austell China Clay Area

Results Received

PA21/04118 I respectfully request to conduct works on T1 (large Euc) the
tree has one large limb over an apartment and I feel the cuts I
have requested to do are responsible and won't affect the health
of the tree.
Rosehill House
Middleway
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA21/03817 Removal of existing garage building and construction of three-
bedroomed detached bungalow, utilising part of the existing
large garden of Orchards, with extended access drive (over part
of demolished garage) turning and parking facilities with
variations of condition 2 of decision notice PA19/01979 dated
5/7/2019
Land North west of Orchards, Biscovey Road
St Blazey Gate
APPROVED

- PA21/03875 Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a two Storey extension
105 St Marys Road
Par
APPROVED
- PA21/04609 Works to trees namely: - A001 (various), remove deadwood – T0001 (Horse Chestnut), Fell – T002 (Horse Chestnut), remove dead wood – T003 (Pine), remove dead branches – subject to a Tree Preservation order (TPO).
Land North West of 53 Chyandor Close
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA21/03519 Removal of conservatory and replace with single storey rear extension.
Fairweather, St Austell Road
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA21/04828 Construction of side and rear first floor extension with flat and hipped roof and associated internal remodelling
54 Chyandor Close
St Blazey
APPROVED

2106/15 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE ANDERSON HALL**

Bookings remain low but hopefully this will change after July 19th 2021.

2106/16 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received

Hall Hire	1160.00
Interest	0.50
High Deposit Int	18.28
Black Sacks	17.50
Burrows Electric	301.18
WPD	12.49
JA Room Hire	140.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1590.37
Wardens Wage	663.93
Broadband	23.95
UK Fuels	50.50
Insurance	371.21
WPS	25.00
HMRC	650.43
CC (Pen)	582.19
Electric(foun)	22.76
SWW(foun)	11.30
Site Builder	38.40
St Austell GM	858.39
Hay Nurseries	756.00
Cormac	154.87
Kompan	15901.39

Zoom	143.88
Burrows Elec	301.18
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	14.76
Corona (Elec)	46.79
SWW	21.50
Cleaners Wage	45.60
Window Cleaner	24.00
PAT Testing	20.00
Gas	1.25
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	
Business Rates	-548.24
Locking	60.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	61.45
Business Rates	104.00
Water	
PAT Testing	4.00
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electric	60.34
PAT Testing	6.00
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1649.95	22,067.20

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2106/17 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Ryan Chamberlain told the Councillors that beach cleans/litter picks at Booley Beach would begin on July 4th. Spit Beach and Polridmouth Beach would follow.

Councillor Simms has visited the Eden Geothermal Drilling site and reported that stage 1 was near completion and looking forward to stage 2. Councillor Taylor said that stage 2 would be taken up by another company that specialises in the field.

Councillor Simms had also visited Doubletrees School who are still having staff difficulties due to Covid.

Councillor Pearce is concerned about the overgrowth in Middleway and the danger to pedestrians. All the Councillors agreed. Cornwall Councillor Giles will report this to try to get a swift response.

PART TWO – ITEMS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE TO BE DEBATED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC as per Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

2106/18 **CO-OPTION OF A NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR**

1. To resolve to exclude the press and public for items of a confidential nature.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public.

2. Co-option of 2 Town Councillors.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to co-opt Francine Wearne and Carol Williams to the Town Council.

2106/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 29th July 2021 at 7.30pm at Alexander Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.22 pm.